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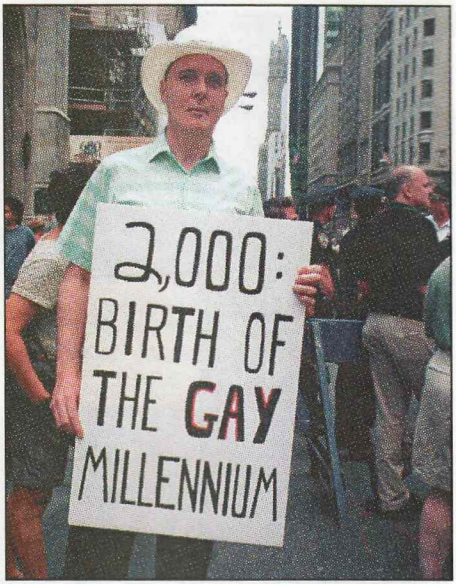

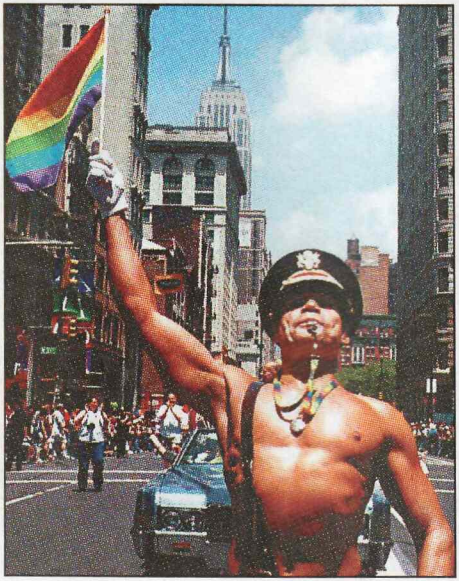

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Grand Marshals

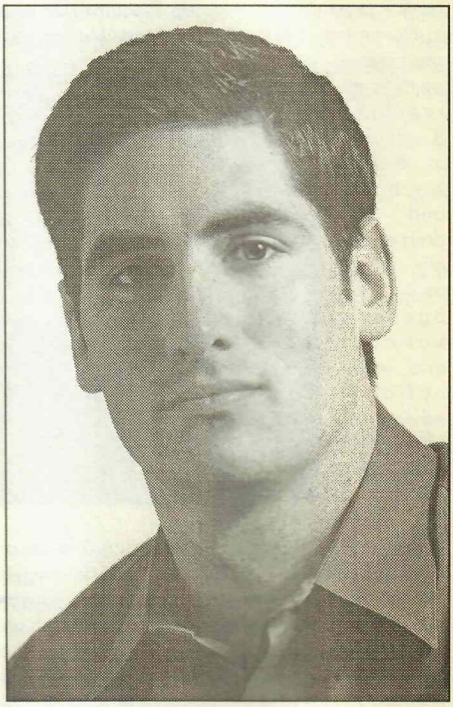
Pride and energy

The Grand Marshals for this year's Pride March in New York were chosen for the extraordinary energy they bring and have brought to the struggle for our rights.

Virginia Apuzzo has worked in the movement for years on both sides of the barricades. She has marched with us, lobbied for us both from within and outside government and continues to speak up for those who cannot.

James Dale's activism began as it nearly always does – he was denied his right to do something he loved and to which he had dedicated so much. In this case, it was scouting. The Boy Scouts of America lost its first round in its case against Dale last August. As this goes to press, we await the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on his case against the Boy Scouts of America.

Some issues have been there all along but have never gotten the public airing they need. The treatment — or mistreatment — of GLBT teachers and students in our school is very often a dirty little secret. The work of the **Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)** means fewer students and teachers need to live in fear. How many of us wish we had their support when we were being pushed against the lockers between classes?



James Dale

James Dale, an exemplary Scout, was thrown out of the Boy Scouts of America because he is gay. On his behalf, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund won the first-ever victory against the Boy Scouts of America's discriminatory policy. The unanimous ruling defined New Jersey's gay rights law and made headlines around the globe.

James Dale joined the Scouting program when he was eight years old as a Cub Scout, and

became a Boy Scout three years later. His whole family participated in Scouting: his father, a former Boy Scout, was an assistant scoutmaster and eventually a district commissioner; his mother was a den mother and a Troop Committee member; and his brother was also a Scout. James' first troop met at his family's church in Middletown, New Jersey.

James earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1988. He was a Vigil Honor member—the highest level of the Boy Scouts' honor camping association, the Order of the Arrow. He was a delegate to a National Jamboree, a summer camp staff member, and a dedicated fundraiser for the Boy Scouts. In high school James was also a member of the Naval Junior ROTC, where he held the position of Company Commander.

James continued to lead his peers as a student at Rutgers University where he was co-president of the Rutgers University Lesbian Gay & Bisexual Alliance. In 1990 he was expelled from his position of Assistant Scoutmaster after speaking at a workshop for high school teachers about reducing the risk of gay teen suicide.

James sued for reinstatement, and in August 1999 the Supreme Court of New Jersey ruled in his favor with a landmark ruling. The United States Supreme Court heard the case on April 26th and a decision is expected to be announced in June.

James has lived in New York City since graduating from Rutgers University in 1993. He currently works as the Advertising Director for *POZ*, a national monthly magazine about HIV issues.

Virginia Apuzzo

Virginia Apuzzo has been at the forefront of national politics and the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movement for over 20 years. Her experience in the highest circles of government and social change leadership give her unique insight into the strategies and tactics for pushing progressive policy change. Virginia Apuzzo's distinguished record in public service and advocacy continues as she joins the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to assume the first endowed Chair in the GLBT movement, named in her honor, dedicated to strategy development.

By Clint Steib

Apuzzo made history on October 1, 1997, when she was appointed to the White House as Assistant to the President for Management and Administration, making her the highest-ranking openly gay or lesbian government official in the nation. Yet even prior to her White House appointment, Apuzzo's historical role in politics was already well established.

In 1976, Apuzzo lobbied for a gay rights plank at the Democratic National Platform hearings